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A copy of the amended portion of the claim with changes marked therein is attached and entitled "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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MSH/kjf Washington, D.C. 20006-1021 Telephone (202) 721-8200 Facsimile (202) 721-8250 September 5, 2001 1 (amended). A board transferring apparatus for transferring boards between the apparatus and a component-mounted board production apparatus, which comprises;

an unprocessed board transfer unit including an unprocessed board transfer path along which an unprocessed board as the board not processed by the component-mounted transferred, production apparatus is board unprocessed board carry-in device which moves between the unprocessed board transfer path and the component-mounted board production apparatus thereby carrying the unprocessed production board board into the component-mounted apparatus;

a process-finished board transfer unit including a process-finished board transfer path along which a process-finished board as the board processed by the component-mounted board production apparatus is transferred, and a process-finished board send-out device which moves between the process-finished board transfer path and the component-mounted board production apparatus thereby carrying the process-finished board out from the component-mounted board production apparatus; and

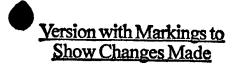
a shift device which moves between the unprocessed board transfer path and the process-finished

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board transfer path and for shifting the board between the unprocessed board transfer path and the process-finished board transfer path.